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105th Airlift Wing Holds Biological and Chemical Terrorism Training Exercise

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STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Newburgh, N.Y. - The 105th Airlift Wing in conjunction with police, fire and emergency response agencies from Orange, Putnam, Dutchess and Rockland Counties participated in an eight-hour Biological and Chemical Terrorism training exercise this morning called "Code Silver." Exercise "Code Silver" was a medically focused tabletop seminar chartered by the Air Force Surgeon General. It was designed to help the United States Air Force achieve its goals for incident response, installation force protection, and to strengthen relationships with emergency responders throughout the local community. More than 100 participants were involved in the exercise.

"Since 9/11 the military, to include the Air National Guard, has taken a proactive stance in regards to homeland security. This program exercises personnel in a variety of chemical and/or biological situations, which allows them to work through the issues interactively. This type of training encourages the design of more effective emergency response plans and procedures," said Brig. Gen. Dana B. Demand, 105th Airlift Wing Commander.

"Code Silver" is conducted through a scenario-driven, facilitator-moderated, seminar-style discussion focused on consequence management through medical support and response operations in chemical-biological environments. The exercise is ideal for promoting a productive exchange of information between military and civilian participants.

The 105th Airlift Wing is the only Air National Guard unit in the country with an operational C-5 mission. The unit's 13 aircraft regularly fly missions around the world in support of our nation's armed forces. Stewart Air National Guard Base is located 70 miles north of New York City and the unit has a 20-year proven track record for answering the call to duty, whether it is in New York State or around the world.

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